1-1 S.B. No. 302 By: Harris (In the Senate - Filed January 24, 2007; February 14, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice; April 2, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 2, 2007, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5

> A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to an administrative fee for defendants required by a court to perform community service in lieu of serving a term of confinement in county jail.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 42.036, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A court that requires a defendant to perform community service under this article may order the defendant to pay to the court an administrative fee, not to exceed \$50, to cover the cost of administering this article.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 103, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 103.034 to read as follows:

Sec. 103.034. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE IN CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES. A defendant shall pay an administrative fee not to exceed \$50 under Article 42.036(g), Code of Criminal Procedure, to perform community service in lieu of serving a term of confinement in a county jail, if ordered by the court.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a defendant convicted of an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. A defendant convicted of an offense committed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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